

## Miller & Rhoads



### The Glorious Reign of Santa Claus

The popularity of Santa Claus goes back through the ages—his reign is brief but ever welcome—for it brings joy to every youngster and sober happiness and good cheer to all who are no longer children.

So his arrival is acclaimed on all sides, and he bids us, for at least once a year, to have kindly thoughts and do kindly deeds for the remembrance of home and friends.

### What Will Old Santa Bring the Children?

Come to our "Xmas Fair" and you'll see! This special Xmas Emporium is packed with various amusing and instructive items, such as Xmas Books, Dolls, Games, etc., and in the main building there are things practical and useful for those who cannot yet stand alone, up to those whose ideas and understanding have been developed.

### Now What Would You Have Him Bring You?

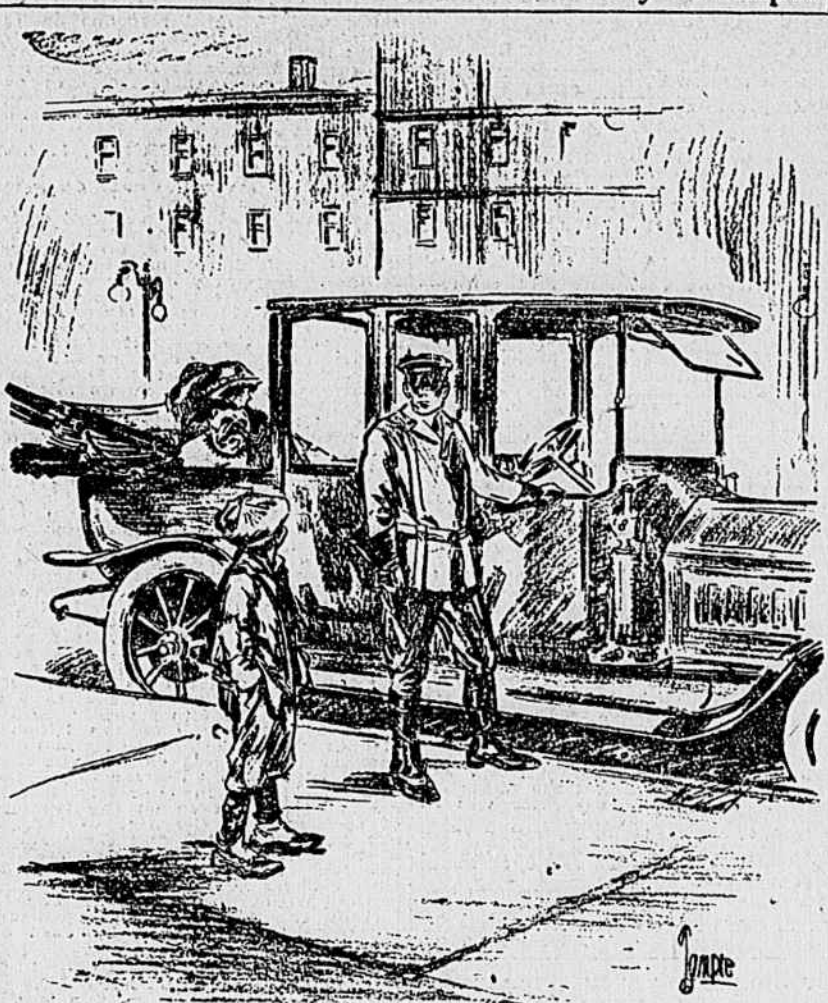
Perhaps you've found this question and "what will I give my friends" equally perplexing. Just FORGET IT long enough to take a trip to MILLER & RHOADS.

This great Xmas Store, with its vast and interesting displays of Xmas merchandise, is brilliant with suggestions for gifts that please all desires and satisfy every pocket. As solvers of problems for gifts of a practical character, special attention is invited to the departments of—

Gloves, Hosiery,  
Solid Gold Jewelry,  
Handkerchiefs, Books,  
Fancy Neckwear,  
Leather Goods, Toilet Goods,  
Men's Furnishings,  
Art Needlework, Table Silver,  
Cut Glass, etc.

The store, fully as much as last year, is an exposition of the best home and foreign products for Xmas gift-giving. WELCOME!

## SKETCHES FROM LIFE - By Temple



"Not Fond of Children!"

### ROBBERIES WILL BE FEW IF RULES ARE OBSERVED

Chief Werner Cautions Women About Careless Handling of Money During Holidays.

**THIEVES WORK IN CROWDS**  
Police Warn People to Avoid Crowds, and to Watch Purses—Ask Automobile Owners Not to Leave Machines Unguarded.

If Christmas shoppers will carefully follow a few of the rules which have been found effective by Chief of Police Louis Werner, there will be fewer reports of robberies made to the police during the next few weeks. The thoroughfares and stores will be crowded, and it is in a crowd that the thief and pickpocket works most safely. A few of the precautions which are recommended as preventives for both street and home, are as follows:

"When leaving your home see that all doors and windows are properly secured.

"Don't leave a card on your door telling the time of your return. Thieves may not wait for you.

"Don't carry your handbag by the chain or strap; loop the chain around your wrist and keep your hand over the chain.

"Don't lay your purse or handbag on a store counter. It is safer to keep it firmly in your hand.

"Don't enter crowds on the street or in the store; pickpockets like crowds.

"Don't carry more money than you think you will need, and do not make a display of your money.

"Don't wear valuable jewelry when shopping.

"Don't purchase jewelry on the street.

"Don't fail to count your change, and be on the lookout for counterfeit money.

"Don't leave your automobile or car on the street without a caretaker who is known to you, and do not leave any article of value loose in it.

"Don't pay for C. O. D. packages until you have examined the contents and found the goods were ordered by you.

"Don't pay attention to persons who claim they have found your pocket-book unless you are sure you have lost it; don't give them a chance to steal your pocketbook when you open your bag to look for it.

"Don't make change for any one until you get possession of the note or coin he is charged.

"Don't deliver goods to express agents or messengers until you are positive they are the proper persons.

"Keep your front door locked day and night. Burglar thieves may get your overcoat while you are at dinner."

These are just a few of the rules of common sense, but they are the ones violated every day, and the ones which lead to losses.

### OFFICERS ELECTED

**Richmond Musicians' Protective Association Holds Annual Meeting.**

The Richmond Musicians' Protective Association, in annual meeting last night at the Hotel Richmond, elected the following officers to serve the ensuing year: Charles L. Ross, president; Leonard Lichtenstein, vice-president; Alfred T. Skelving, secretary; Alexander Ross, treasurer, and Ben Klamer, sergeant-at-arms.

The new executive committee is composed of Joseph C. Kessnich, J. A. Thilow, J. N. Kaufman, August Stein and Joseph LaPratta. Mrs. Cheryl Ferguson and Miss Selma Marsh are also members. The organization already has the names of several women on its roll.

The Richmond Musicians' Protective Association has approximately 100 members, embracing every professional musician of note in the city. It is known as Local No. 123 of the American Federation of Musicians, and is affiliated with the Central Trades and Labor Council.

### Dies From Hemorrhage

Frank Howard, colored, thirty-seven years old, living on Thirty-seventh Street, between M and N Streets, suffered a hemorrhage in his rectum at twenty-fifth and Carrington Streets Saturday night, and died before ambulance surgeon Walker arrived to treat him. The surgeon was unable to find traces of any wounds on the man's body, and learned that he had been subject to attacks of the kind which caused his death for some months. Coroner Taylor was notified.

EVERY one interested in the eternal salvation of children should read Dr. Charles Gilmore Kerley's article, "A Millionaire Baby." The Times-Dispatch of Sunday, December 13.—Adv.

### SHIP EARLY IS SLOGAN ADOPTED BY POST-OFFICE

Parcel Post Man Asks Shoppers to Prevent Unnecessary Congestion in Malls.

**ONLY TEN DAYS ARE LEFT**  
Postmaster Thornton Wants People to Make Early Purchases—It Works to Advantage of Post-Office, He Believes.

Do your Christmas shopping early. This excellent bit of advice is being handed out gratis by Postmaster Hay T. Thornton to all those who will call on Uncle Sam to do the Santa Claus act for them. Incidentally, he is also boosting the "shop early" campaign, because, says he, when people make early purchases they generally ship early, and this helps to relieve the congestion which prevails during the holiday season.

Exclusive of to-day, there are nine more shipping days before Christmas, and nine more shipping days also. Postmaster Thornton and the calendar both say so, and already little pamphlets and placards are being put out to the public in regard to the Christmas mailing.

Among the sound don'ts which have been evolved by the busy parcel post man, are the following:

"Don't push into the post-office three days before Christmas with a package addressed to Seattle or Hongkong and expect it to get there on time.

"Don't wrap or mail your packages in the morning; they will be delayed.

"Don't let your boxes with sewing threads or fine cord, and expect them to reach their destination in one day.

"Don't let your package exceed the limit in size. No articles more than twenty-two inches in length, and

extraordinary packages have been taken by Postmaster Thornton to insure the speedy delivery of all parcel post matter reaching this city up to and including Christmas Day. The incoming parcel post matter will be handled in a building, 1109-1113 East Cary Street, which has been rented especially for the purpose. Outgoing parcel post must be mailed at the main office or regular depositories.

Co-operation between the post-office and the public, says Postmaster Thornton, will insure many a happy Christmas, and many heartaches will be prevented.

Attention is called by Mr. Thornton to the rule forbidding the mailing of cards with metal, glass or mica ornamentation, unless in an envelope. Hundreds of these cards are thrown out of the mails during the Christmas rush, and never reach their destination.

### STRUCK WITH POOL BALL

**Frank Rudd in Altercation in Broad Street Billiard Parlor.**

Frank Rudd, 713 China Street, was struck in the head with a pool ball in a Broad Street pool parlor Saturday night, and ambulance surgeon Walker, who treated him, found it necessary to take two stitches in his ear and one in his scalp. Rudd and another man, whose name the police learned with some difficulty, are said to have quarreled over a game of pool, with the result that the ball was thrown and Rudd struck. Dr. Walker treated Rudd and turned him over to friends, who insisted that he be allowed to take him home. It is said that he expected as he was being helped into a taxicab.

## LABOR AID ORDINANCE BECOMES LAW THIS WEEK

Board of Aldermen to Pass Measure Unanimously at Meeting To-Morrow Night.

### JOB HUNTERS ON THE TRAIL

Reset Offices of Administrative Board in Daily Stream With Applications for Employment—May Begin Hiring New Forces Next Monday.

Notwithstanding scattered reports that the measure will encounter more or less opposition, the Board of Aldermen is expected to-morrow night to pass by an overwhelming vote, if not unanimously, in the ordinance appropriating \$125,000 for immediate expenditure on public works. The measure is designed to give employment to several hundred men who will be put to work by the Administrative Board under the direction of the several city departments.

"If there is any opposition to the ordinance in the Board of Aldermen, I haven't heard of it," said Councilman Carter C. Jones, patron of the measure, last night. "On the contrary, the members with whom I have discussed it have assured me that they intend to vote for it. It was reported that an attempt would be made at the special meeting Friday night to reconsider the vote by which it was passed by the Common Council, but the body adjourned within five minutes after it met without even an intimation of such action."

### ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD HAS UNRESTRICTED POWERS

Such criticism of the ordinance as has been expressed is directed against the unrestricted powers it confers upon the Administrative Board. As passed by the Common Council, the ordinance places the whole appropriation of \$125,000 at the disposal of the board without restriction as to the manner in which it shall be spent or in what class of work.

The ordinance as it was reported from the Finance Committee undertook to divide the sum among the several departments, specifying how much should be spent in each. This plan was opposed by Councilman Pollock, who pointed out the delay that might follow when it became necessary to transfer a part of the appropriation for one department to another, in order to carry out a certain plan of improvement. The Common Council agreed with him that the spirit of the ordinance would be best served by giving the Administrative Board a free hand. Such a disposal of the appropriation is strongly recommended by the board itself.

The ordinance carries a clause putting it into effect immediately upon its passage. If it is passed by the board to-morrow night, the certainty of its passage is not now questioned, it will go to the Mayor for his signature on Wednesday. Owing to its emergency character, the Mayor is expected to sign the ordinance promptly, and the probability is that it will be law by Thursday. In that event the board will be in a position to begin at least a part of the new force by next Monday.

### STREAM OF UNEMPLOYED BESETS BOARD'S OFFICES

Ever since the ordinance has been on the Council calendar an unending stream of unemployed men has filed daily in the offices of the Administrative Board with applications for jobs. To all comers the clerks and members of the board have replied with the advice to watch the progress of the ordinance through the official legislative channels, and to report at the board's offices again as soon as it becomes law.

A number of the applicants have left with the board their names and addresses together with references and a synopsis of their previous working experience. As far as possible, those who have left addresses will be notified as fast as openings become available. With the ratification of the ordinance by the Mayor this week, the headquarters of the Administrative Board will become the clearing-house for the city's able-bodied unemployed. According to one member of the board, it will not be possible to give work at once to more than a fraction of the men that seek employment. Materials, equipment and supplies will have to be purchased and installed before work on a large scale can be undertaken. The ordinance as originally drawn by Councilman Jones contemplated the employment of 700 men at \$2 a day. It is not believed that more than half that number can be employed at any one time.

### MUST EMPLOY FOREMEN AND INSPECTORS

Under the amended ordinance the board will have the power to employ foremen and inspectors and skilled labor at current wage rates. As originally drawn, the measure provided a uniform wage of \$2 a day for all men given employment from the proceeds of the special appropriation. It was found that it would be impracticable to adhere to this rule, since there appeared no good reason for the city to discriminate between its regular and emergency forces in the matter of wages when both were engaged in rendering the same service.

All men given employment under the emergency appropriation, therefore, will receive the wages paid other employees of the department to which they are assigned. These range from \$2.25 to \$5.50 and \$4 a day, according to the scale of remuneration fixed for different kinds of work by the departments.

**Meeting in Highland Park.**  
Several important civic questions of public interest will be discussed at the regular monthly meeting of the Highland Park Citizens' Association, which will be held in the assembly hall at the school building to-night. Mayor George Ansley and other municipal officers are expected to attend the meeting and make brief speeches. It is expected that a large crowd will attend.

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